

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Grade and salary: Grade 6 £34,630 - £39,560 pa
Working hours: Full-time
Tenure: The post is available from 1 December 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter) until 30 April 2030
Location: Liverpool campus
Faculty: Humanities and Social Sciences, School of the Arts, Department of Philosophy
Recruiting department contact: KantianDESERT PI S.Baiasu@liverpool.ac.uk
Job ref: 119313

The Role

Role overview and University context:

The successful candidate will be working with Professor Sorin Baiasu and other members of his Advanced Grant 'Kantian Justice: A Desert-sensitive Responsibility-enhancing Theory' (KantianDESERT), a project selected by the European Research Council (ERC) and funded by the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). The project is designed to formulate a new model of distributive justice in response to growing global economic disparities. KantianDESERT is designed to produce not only significant scientific impact (a new research agenda and opening up new avenues for research), but also socio-political impact - it promises to break the cycle of structural economic injustice and to contribute to a fairer and more stable society.

The Research Assistant will be required to assist with the ongoing activities of the project, including the organisation of events (project conferences and workshops), team and advisory board meetings. In addition, the postholder will be required to aid with media-related activities, such as updating the project's website and blog, liaising with the University's media team for the publication of news on the progress and findings of the project. Assisting with the organisation of the Liverpool-Oxford-St Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre's activities (under which KantianDESERT runs) on matters concerning the project's impact and dissemination will also form part of the role.

The Research Assistant will join the Department of Philosophy within the School of the Arts, as part of an exciting and cutting-edge multi-million-Euro research project that is designed to address some of the most pressing research questions on justice. This is a unique opportunity for an individual with research administrative experience and passionate about the implications of research in moral and political philosophy for specific relevant aspects of our societies. The post is ideal for a person with previous experience of working as part of a funded research project, co-operating with academic and non-academic partners, and who is also a strong team player.

Key responsibilities and duties:

- Assist with the organisation of Kantian DESERT' s conferences, workshops, and other events;
- Help set up team meetings, meetings with the project's advisory board and other meetings related to KantianDESERT and LOSAK;
- Participate to regular team meetings and similar meetings relevant for the project;
- Help set up, develop and update the project's website, blog and other social media;
- Liaise with the University's media team, LOSAK, as well as with external partners on matters related to the project and the project's activities;
- Liaise with other parts of the University (e.g., Finance, HR) for any relevant aspects related to the project;
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the role as required.

In addition to the above, all University of Liverpool staff are required to:

- Adhere to all University policies and procedures, completing all obligatory training and induction modules, including Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.
- Support the University's vision to drive forward environmental and social equity through delivery of our Sustainability Strategy and associated action plans.
- Demonstrate customer service excellence and continuous improvement in engaging with all stakeholders.
- Respect confidentiality: all confidential information should be kept in confidence and not released to unauthorised persons.
- Participate in the University's Professional Development Review scheme and take a proactive approach to own professional development.
- Embody and uphold the University's Vision and Values.
- Demonstrate flexibility in on-campus-presence to enable participation in business-critical activities, including reasonable participation in such things as: open days, invigilation, welcome week activities, confirmation and clearing and financial year-end activities.

About you

Experience
Essential 1. Experience of research administration as part of a funded research project. 2. Experience of organising events. 3. Experience of promoting events/projects/research on social media and media more generally. 4. Experience of assisting with a project's financial aspects.
Desirable 1. Experience of liaising with non-academic partners, such as local authorities. 2. Experience of creating and delivering presentations and publishing. 3. Experience of research in analytic political philosophy or philosophy more generally.
Education, qualifications and training
Essential 1. BA or equivalent level qualifications, ideally in philosophy, politics, economics or a cognate discipline.

Desirable 1. MA or equivalent level qualification in a humanities, social science or cognate discipline.
Skills, general and specialist Knowledge
Essential 1. Excellent organisational skills. 2. Strong proficiency across the Microsoft Office Suite. 3. High level of analytic and problem-solving capacity. 4. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
Desirable 1. Research skills in analytic political philosophy, philosophy more generally, politics or another cognate discipline.
Personal attributes
Essential 1. Excellent ability to work independently and as part of a team. 2. Willingness to take initiative and self-start. 3. Detail-oriented, especially with regard to Information recording and management. 4. Willingness to liaise with academic and non-academic partners.

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The recruiting department will endeavour to respond to each application. However, if you have not heard within six weeks of the closing date, please take it that your application has not been successful on this occasion.

Job description

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Disabilities and alternative formats

If you have any other requirements which will help you access the application or interview process or employment opportunities at the University, or if you require copies documentation in alternative formats, please email: jobs@liverpool.ac.uk or telephone 0151 794 6771.